

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to cancel Claims 1 - 15 and add new Claims 16 - 32 as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 15 (Canceled)

16. (New) A refrigerating appliance comprising:
at least two storage compartments thermally insulated from each other and from the surrounding area;
an evaporator, which can be cooled independently by an evaporator of at least one other storage compartment, being associated with each storage compartment;
and
means for switching the mode of operation of at least one of the compartments between a freezing mode and a non-freezing mode.
17. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein the means for switching the mode of operation also allow switching to a 0° mode.
18. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein the means for switching the mode of operation are provided for the at least two compartments.
19. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein at least one of the compartments has a wire tube evaporator.
20. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 19, wherein another of the compartments has a lateral wall evaporator.

21. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 19, wherein another of the compartments also has a wire tube evaporator.

22. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein at least one of the compartments has a no-frost evaporator.

23. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 22, wherein the no-frost evaporator includes a laminar evaporator.

24. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 22, wherein the no-frost evaporator includes a plate-type design evaporator.

25. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein the first and second compartments have insulation of substantially the same thickness.

26. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 25, wherein the first and second compartments have different volumes and can be operated in the same plurality of operating modes.

27. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein at least one of the compartments cannot be switched to a freezing mode, and has a thinner insulation than the other of the compartments which can be switched to the freezing mode.

28. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein a compressor is installed in a recess made in one of the compartments.

29. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein a compressor is installed in a socket unit.

30. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 29, wherein at least two compartments are formed in a body which can be connected to the socket unit in at least one of a first orientation and a second orientation rotated 180° about a horizontal axis relative to the first orientation.

31. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 16, wherein the means for switching the mode of operation of at least one of the compartments between a freezing mode and a non-freezing mode includes a regulator and a selector switch.

32. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to Claim 31, further comprising a second regulator and a second selector switch, wherein each of the compartments is associated with one of the regulators and selector switches to control the mode of operation within the compartment.